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IN PHILADELPHIA.

It is worth while recording at this time, that ministers of various religious denominations are not afraid of offering very pointed advice in pre-election sermons. They do not consider that in doing so they lay themselves open to the charge of using undue influence. Philadelphia ministers, for instance, spoke very strongly in their various worship on the 4th of November last, According to a report in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, from the pulpits of the came very strong appeals favor of the so-called City party ticket, and especially for D. Clarence Gibboney for district attorney. The Rev. McDermott, rector of St. Mary's Catholic church, in the course

of an address said, in part: "D. Clarence Gibboney is a man-a man in the Shakespearean sense of the word-whose past career gives assur-ance that he will prove an incorruptible official. He is an honest lawyer. His legal ability is equal to the dis-charge of the duties of the office he is charge of the duties of the office he is destined to fill. He knows the vicious and criminal classes of this city inside and out, from top to bottom; he is familiar with their dark ways and their tricks, which, alas! have hitherto proved more successful than vain. He has always shown the profoundest re-spect for the rights of the law-abiding citizens of Philadelphia; he has put forth Herculean efforts to promote the welfare of the city and to keep her fair name from becoming a byword and

Rabbi Leonard L. Levinthal of the B'nai Abraham synagogue, also came out with a strong endorsement of this candidate, in the form of a letter clearly intended for publication.

The Rev. James D. Acker, pastor of the Christian Gospel mission, declared: "I would be ashamed if Christ should come on next Tuesday, and find me with a ballot in my hand to cast against the election of D. Clarence Gib-

The Rev. Mervin J. Eckles, a Presbyterian minister, endorsed the City Party ticket in these words:

"This is one chance in a lifetime. The people of this city and state can either free themselves for all time from political corruption and graft, or they can have far worse abuses of public moneys and trust inflicted upon them. Let us

a Rev. Robert B. Wallace Presbyterian minister, said:

"There is one thing that every good citizen should guard against, and that is corruption in State and local politics. The foundations of State and local in-stitutions are undermined by corrup-tion and graft in politics, and it is the duty of good men to assist in routing all corrupt politicians from our govern-ment and set a worthy example for future generations to follow. Make the victory of the city and fusion party so great that the corrupt politicians will understand the wrath of the people and never again attempt to assume control of politics in this State,"

Finally, two hundred clergymen are said to have signed the following appeal to the voters: "Through the office of the District

"Through the office of the District Attorncyship it is in our power to have wrong punished, to have our city preserved from robbery; to have right upheld and protection forever removed from crime and vice. In the character of D. Clarence Gibboney the honesty and justice of the people and our common regard for the welfare of our city are well represented.

"As a private citizen he has stood for righteousness and decency in our community. As a public official he has worked for our common interests, A District Attorney he will become an in strument for the redemption of our city. He will help in securing public and in-dividual rights. He will represent the principles and ideals which alone can bring success to individual as well as public life, 'We, therefore, as ministers of the

people and servants of God do appeal people and servants of God do appeal to every citizen to Join in this cause of righteousness. We appeal for earn-est and active support of the City par-ty, and earnestly beg that no effort cease until its lofty principles are es-tablished in our midst and its moral victory permanently secured."

As will be noted, they made this appeal "as ministers of the people and servants of God," not merely as citi-

We have not noticed any adverse criticism of the concerted action by Philadelphia clergymen. Their right to appeal to their congregations in behalf of a ticket the election of which they considered essential to the moral welfare of the community, seems to be taken for granted by all parties. The cause for which the ministers appealed, lost. But who can say that the good effect of their sermons upon civic righteousness will not endure, though their ticket was not elected?

GIVING HIGHER WAGES.

The voluntary increase in wages granted by some railroad companies and other great corporations, is one of the pleasing signs of the times. It proves that employers are willing to recognize the right of employes to a share in the increased profits due to the expansion of business. It is an act of justice, too, because it is beyond contradiction that the cost of living has risen considerably during the past ten years, which means a corresponding decrease in wages, unless they are kept moving with the advancing prices. Gensrally, laborers are reduced to the necessity of "fighting" for every advance in wages, no matter how just their cause may be, and this engenders bitterness between classes that are inter-dependent, economically, and whose mutual interests are best served by unity of affort. Strikes with riots and industrial disturbances very often ensue. The stream of prosperity rises what more natural than that there should be a raise in wages?

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employes, by their employers, cannot of politics? ut create good feelings on both sides.

Well paid labor is the foundation stone of prosperity. With labor scarce and poorly paid in any country. every industry will soon languish, for the simple reason that the vast multitudes who depend on daily wages will be under the necessity of retrenching whenever it is possible to do so, or they will run into debt for the necessaries of life, with little or no prospect of paying the bills. The consequences are disastrous all around. When, on the other hand, labor is plentiful and well paid, trade is lively, and bills are promptly paid, and everybody enjoys the prosperity of the laborer. It is a good sign when large corporations voluntarily increase wages. It means an era of good feelings, and shows confidence in the stability of the conditions of prosperity now enjoyed.

FATAL CURIOSITY.

As the result of a desire to gratify his curiosity to see a drunken row in front of a saloon, a spectator not party to the quarrel, lies dead at a hospital. It seems that at the time he was in his room and saw the fight from his window, but being attracted by the sorry spectacle, he hastened across the street to view it at closer range, when he was struck down by a missile not intended for him. He leaves a wife and four children, it is said, in Hungary, and their grief when the news of his death reaches them is easily imagined. No doubt they have been looking forward with fond anticipation to the time when he should send for them, and they should be reunited. The message of death will be the bane of their hopes.

To some people, rows and fights seem to have a strange fascination. They are attracted by a quarrel between boys, or a dog fight, or a row between drunken men. If they hear the noise of a scrap, they will go out of their way, no matter how urgent their business may be, to become witnesses of all the details of it. This may be human nature, but it is not

refined human nature. We may, perhaps, be permitted to remind our young readers of the fact that they cannot go near places where such scenes are enacted without sustaining some moral injury. The poor foreigner who was killed because of his desire to witness a street fight outside a saloon, paid dearly for the gratification of his morbid curiosity. Physical injury does not, of course, always result, but it is absolutely certain that any one who draws near places, where moral degradation is exhibited, does so at his own peril, morally speaking. It is true that what we see, or hear, or take notice of, does exercise an essential influence upon our character. The opponents of our Lord concluded that, because He was sometimes found in the company of a class of people which they designated as "sinners," therefore He was one of

them. This conclusion was based upon sound philosophical principles. "Tell me what company you keep, and I will tell you what kind of a man you are," is strictly correct. Only, in the case of our Lord, He did not seek that kind of company because it was congenial then be up and doing. Let us ever support any public movement which is for the betterment of the moral tone of the save that which was lost. This the Pharisees did not understand, and herefore they misjudged Him, but in general the conclusion that a human being is to a large extent influenced by the company he keeps, and by the scenes that attract his attention, is true. It would therefore be the highest wisdom to shun as far as possible all degrading sights, and to keep away as far as possible from danger,

The story is told of a certain nobleman who advertised for a coachman. Many responded to the advertisement. As they presented themselves, one by one, he asked them each the question, How near can you drive to a precipice without upsetting the carriage? and each boasted about his bravery in that respect, except the last one, who, when the question was put to him, frankly answered, "I do not know, sir, because I always drive as far as possible from the precipice." He was engaged. And so it should be the rule in life to drive as far as possible from moral danger,

FREQUENT EARTHQUAKES.

Prof. Ralph S. Farr, in a contribution to Leslie's Weekly, makes the assertion that there is not a day on which there is not an earthquake in some part of this globe. He says in Japan alone 8,331 earthquakes were recorded between the years 1885 and 1892. The great majority of these shocks are only tremors, not noticed except by instruments. Many, however, are sufficiently strong to endanger life and property.

There are two earthquake belts, we are further told. One of these passes through the West Indies, the Mediterranean sea, the Caucasus and Himlalava mountains, and is called by De Montessus the "Mediterranean" or "Alpine-Causasus-Himalayan" belt. The second belt nearly encircles the Pacific, following the Andes, the mountains of the western North America, the Aleutian Islands, Japan, and the Philippines. This De Montessus calls the "circum-Pacific" or "Andes-Japanese-Malayan" belt. Outside these danger regions, earthquakes are not frequent, though there are instances of some destructive shocks, as in the case of Charleston in 1886, for instance. As to the cause of these phenomena

they are many. Sometimes the collapse of the roof of a cavern will make the earth tremble for a considerable distance around. Landstides also cause earth tremors, but generally destructive earthquakes are of volcanic ori-The primary cause, however, is very little clearer to scientists today than it was to the ancients, who imagined Loki chained to a rock by the gods and a venomous snake suspended over him in such a manner, that the poison would drip upon his face wheneven his faithful wife withdrew the vessel in which she gathered the venom, for the purpose of emptying it. Then the chained monster shook his fetters so violently that the world trembled.

voluntary recognition of the rights of en out of politics what would be left

Pittsburg is now coming into great prominence as a crime center. This is worse than being a scandal center.

The Cuban Liberal party is furnishing a good deal of evidence that it at least is not fit for self-government.

"The love of money grows as money grows," said Juvenal. The crop of money then must be immense these

George Bernard Shaw says that swearing is not a sin. Perhaps he agrees with Mr. Dooley that swearing first aid to the injured.

Mark Twain makes light of his attack of bronchitis and declares it is not serious. So buoyant and cheerful is Mark's nature that he would make light of darkness.

Governor Hoch's plurality over Colonel Harris is only 1703. It is not so wide as a barn door nor so deep as a well, but 'twill do.

Burglars in Washington recently stole a ton of coal. If it had belonged to an actress she would have claimed that her "black diamonds" had been Samuel Colt has come out as a can-

didate for United States senator from

Rhode Island, Senatorial races are

generally run by "old hosses" and not Rifle shooting will hereafter be included in the curriculum of the elementary schools of Great Britain. There is nothing like teaching the

young idea how to shoot. Dr. Eliot of Harvard has witnessed a game of football under the new rules and enjoyed it. Now he favors the game. The great university president is growing old gracefully.

It cost W. R. Hearst \$600,000 to be defeated for governor of New York. Had he won. New York would have lost her good name. And "good name is better than riches.'

The decreasing birth rate in France is causing the authorities of that nation some apprehension. And well it may. A nation with a constantly decreasing birth rate is a decaying na-

A Nebraska member of the national nouse of representatives has refunded to the government \$1,900 which he drew as salary for time that he did not spend in Congress. A good example that, in all human probability, will not be fol-

The death of Gen. W. R. Shafter realls the fact that he was in command at San Juan Hill. He was not actually on the field but some miles distant, sick in a hammock. As a fight without a commander San Juan Hill was glorious but as a display of generalship it was anything but that. It brought General Shafter into prominence but not into fame. It will preserve his name from oblivion, but that is all. He was a good soldier but a poor general.

HOW TO EAT.

Chicago Tribune

Benjamin Franklin said that his father was so entertaining at table, and family conversation was so engaging, that to the meal itself he never gave a thought. This was ideal dining. The mind was pleasantly occupied. And its pleasure was diffused throughout the physical systems was the same transfer of the same was diffused throughout the physical systems. pleasure was diffused throughout the physical system, promoting rapid and thorough digestion, and leaving the cruder processes of the bodily life to proceed automatically, while the attention was riveted on higher things. It is well that we be happy at table—as everywhere else; but let that happiness proceed not so much from a contemplation of creature comforts and their absorption of our thought as from the harmonious operation of the physical street in the second s

their absorption of our thought as from the harmonious operation of the phy-sical functions, so harmonious an oper-ation that they do not intrude them-selves upon the mind. Our heart beats without the inter-cession of the will; it has become an automatic process, whereas in remote-ly long ago days it required effort and concentration. The more we advance in concentration. The more we advance in our evolution the more of the work in-volved by our existence is made to operate automatically, much as machinery has supplanted the direct hand work

MODERN SUN WORSHIPERS.

Exchange

Herr August Engelhardt, founder ond "High priest" of the small sect of sun worshippers who settled in German New Britain in 1902, died recently. The sect Britain in 1902, died recently. The sect comprised only three individuals, who style themselves "sun brothers"—
Herr August Engelhardt, Max Lutzrow and Heinrich Eukins. In 1902 Engelhardt, fully convinced that he was about to found a community which would be the first link in a chain of sun worshippers that eventually would encircle the globe, started from Corp. encircle the globe, started from Ger-many to seek a suitable place of set-tlement. He purchased the island of Kabakon, one of the Duke of York group. He wore no clothes, his only food was the kernel of the cocoanut and his drink exclusively the milk from the same fruit. His days were passed under the broiling rays of the equatorial sun, and he became bronzed to the hue of a Samoan. At night he slept on the sands of the seashore

JUST FOR FUN.

Sure Sign of Lunacy.

That Maine man caught praying in New York was promptly taken to an insane hospital, and perhaps the Springfield Republican is justified in saying that he chose the wrong town. Boston Globe

Jones-Old Griggsby looks worried. I wonder what the trouble is? Smith—His only son thinks he can play the races and his only daughter thinks she can play the plano.—Chicago Daily News.

Distance Lends Enchantment. "The earthquake that Eastern seismographs recorded was somewhere 14,000 miles away." "Hasn't it been reported yet?"

"Took place and nobody knew it,

"Evidently."
"Well, say, that's just the sort of earthquake I like,"—Cleveland Plain

The Bishop of Worcester.

returned, complacently munching his cake, and, handing threepence back to the bishop, exclaimed, "There was only one, left, gov'nor."—Harper's Weekly.

Not Doing a Thing.

"Yes, lady," said Hungry Higgins, "police persecution ruined my life. When I wuz first arrested, years ago, I hadn't been doin' a blessed thing." "Poor man," said the kind old lady, "here's a dime for you. And what charge did they trump up against you?"

Vagrancy, ma'am."-Catholic Standard and Times.

"I say, mamma," asked little Tommy, "do fairy tales always begin with 'Once upon a time?'" "No, dear, not always," replied mamma; "they sometimes begin with 'My love, I have been detained at the office tonight."—Glasgow News.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

A brilliant group of contributors—in-cluding Mark Twain, Sir Gilbert Park-er, Maurice Maeterlinek, William Dean Howells, Henry Mills Alden, Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, Grace Ellery Chan-Wikins Freeman, Grace Ellery Channing, Alice Brown, Joseph Conrad, E. S. Martin, and many others—combine in making the December number of Harper's Magazine a remarkable one. The colored illustrations are particularly beautiful. The frontispiece is Howard Pyle's new painting of immortal Becky Sharp and Lord Steyne. There is a group of paintings by Elizabeth Shippen Green representing "The Mind of a group of paintings by Elizabeth Shippen Green representing "The Mind of a Child"—exquisite interpretations of child play. There are other pictures in color, many in tint and in black and white, including paintings, wash drawings, etchings, wood engraving, and a few betters. few photographs—in all a wealth of illustration.—New York.

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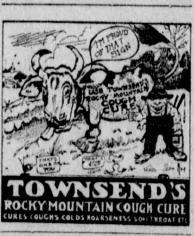
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